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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg,
Rear Admiral Thomas B. Inglis,
Brig. Gen. George C. McDonald,
Mr. Alfred McCormack,
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover.

SUBJECT: Monitoring of Press and Propaganda Broadcasts of Foreign Powers.

REFERENCE: (a) C.I.G. Directive No. 2 dated 5 March 1946.
(b) ~~STATSPEC~~ Ad Hoc Committee to Survey Foreign
[REDACTED] dated
18 March 1946.

1. During the war, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) conducted a ~~STATSPEC~~ [REDACTED] which monitored press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers. The FCC was in process of liquidating this agency when its functions were taken over by the War Department on an interim basis on 30 December 1945.

2. The product of the [REDACTED] has been valuable to State Department, to the intelligence agencies of the War and Navy Departments, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and undoubtedly to other Departments and agencies.

3. The War Department has requested that a permanent disposition of the functions of monitoring press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers be determined since the interim arrangements would cease at the end of the Fiscal Year 1946.

4. Discussion of this matter is furnished in Enclosure "A".

5. It is concluded that:-

a. The function of monitoring foreign press and propaganda broadcasts should be performed as a War Department operation, said operation to be performed under directives as to collection and distribution to be issued by the Director of Central Intelligence.

b. The present organization operating the service should be liquidated and supplanted by a new organization, the liquidation and reorganization to be accomplished by the War Department in such manner that there shall be a minimum of interruption in the accomplishment of the missions assigned by the Director of Central Intelligence.

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c. The State and Navy Departments should assist the War Department, within the measure of their capabilities, in the accomplishment of the missions assigned by the Director of Central Intelligence.

6. It is recommended that:-

a. The Draft Directive (Enclosure "C") be concurred in prior to its submission to the N.I.A.

b. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, designate an officer to be responsible for carrying out the missions assigned by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to paragraph 3. of the Draft Directive (Enclosure "C").

c. Each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board designate a representative to serve as member of a committee to assist the Director of Central Intelligence in giving direction to the function of monitoring press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers.

SIDNEY W. SOUERS
Director

Enclosures:- "A" - Discussion.
 "B" - Report by Director of Central Intelligence.
 "C" - Draft Directive.

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